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In re: Bentley et al. Confirmation No.: 1045

Appl No.: 10/071,469 Group Art Unit: 1712

Filed: February 8, 2002 Examiner: Metzmaier, Daniel S.

For: HETEROBIFUNCTIONAL POLY(ETHYLENE GLYCOL) DERIVATIVES  
AND METHODS FOR THEIR PREPARATION

Please see the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (2 pages) in reference to the above-identified application.

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<b>REQUEST For CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Address to: <b>MAIL STOP RCE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. BOX 1450 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450</b>  (Revised 09/2003)	Application Number 10/071,469
	Filing Date February 8, 2002
	First Named Inventor: Bentley <i>et al.</i>
	Art Unit: 1712
	Examiner Name: Metzmaier, Daniel S.
	Confirmation No.: 1045
	Attorney Docket No. 034848/234789
This is a request for <u>Continued Examination (RCE)</u> under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.	

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☒ Previously submitted on May 7, 2004. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

ii. ☐ Other

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavits(s)/Declarations(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS); of cites listed on PTO Form 1449

iv. ☐ Other

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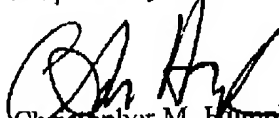
a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other

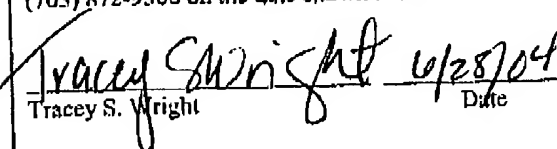
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3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is **required** by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)  
(\$770.00 large entity; \$385.00 small entity)
- ii. ☐ Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F. R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ enclosed

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